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## Wisconsin!

By JEFF POTRYKUS  
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Albuquerque, N.M. — Pat Richter has no idea how the University of Wisconsin coaches and athletes can provide their faithful fans with a suitable encore any time soon.

"We thought last year was the best year we've had for a long, long time," Richter, UW's athletic director since 1989, said Friday. "This year certainly would have to eclipse that."

Whether on the football field, the hockey rink or the basketball court, Bucky Badger has never strutted across the nation-

It's been a banner year for the Badgers on the court, on ice and on the field

al stage with more pride in one year than he has thus far in 1999-2000.

Cue up the highlight reel, please:

In November, Barry Alvarez guided the football team to its second consecutive Big Ten Conference championship. On the day the Badgers clinched the outright championship by crushing Iowa,

Ron Dayne thrilled the Camp Randall Stadium crowd by setting the NCAA Division I-A all-time rushing record.

In December, Dayne joined Alan Ameche as the only Wisconsin players to win the Heisman Trophy, given annually to the top player in the country.

On Jan. 1, Dayne led the Badgers to their second consecutive Rose Bowl victory, a feat no other Big Ten team has accomplished.

At 3:40 p.m. today, Dick Bennett will lead his surprising eighth-seeded Bad-

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## Packers score a big victory in Assembly

73-22 vote sends renovation plan to wary Senate

By RICHARD P. JONES  
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Madison — The Green Bay Packers celebrated a strong show of support in the state Assembly Friday for a \$295 million plan to renovate Lambeau Field, but faced a tough second half in the Senate with only one week left in the legislative session.

On a 73-22 vote, the Republican-controlled Assembly passed a bill to help the team finance the project with a 0.5% sales tax in Brown County, if county voters agree to the tax in a binding referendum this fall.

The strong, bipartisan vote sent the bill to the Senate, where Democratic leaders have an alternative proposal that the team opposes.

"We're absolutely delighted," John Jones, the Packers' senior vice president of administration,

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### HIGHLIGHTS

The Lambeau Field legislation approved Friday would:

- Create a stadium district that would issue \$160 million in bonds to help pay for renovation of Lambeau Field. The bonds would be repaid by a 0.5% sales tax in Brown County, if voters approve in a referendum.
- Call for a two-question referendum in Brown County, on the sales tax and whether excess revenue from the tax should be used for property tax relief.
- Allow the city and county to share in the proceeds from any naming rights to Lambeau.
- Require the governor to appoint two Brown County residents to the stadium board. Others would be appointed by the City of Green Bay, the Village of Ashwaubenon and Brown County.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- The bill goes to the Senate.
- The Senate could vote on the Assembly bill or take up its own bill when it returns Tuesday.
- Both houses must pass the same version before the legislative session ends Thursday for the bill to go to the governor for signing.



### THE POPE IN THE HOLY LAND

## Thousands attend Mass near Sea of Galilee

Above: Pope John Paul II blesses the crowd Friday after celebrating Mass near the Sea of Galilee in Israel. The pontiff celebrated the Mass before an estimated 150,000 pilgrims on a pastoral green hill near where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. The pope, who is on a six-day pilgrimage in the Holy Land, asked young believers from across the globe to spread Christian teachings of selfless love and forgiveness. Right: A nun laughs prior to the Mass. Story on Page 3A.

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## Microsoft offers plan to end antitrust case

U.S. state officials study proposal that would curb some company practices

By JOEL BRINKLEY  
New York Times

Washington — With two federal judges pressing Microsoft and the government to settle their antitrust case soon, Microsoft presented a formal, written proposal Friday that would restrain some of the company's business practices, officials said.

Lawyers for the Justice Department and 19 state attorneys general were studying the proposal Friday night to decide

whether it was promising enough to warrant weekend negotiations.

Officials said the proposal included so much technical detail that they could not analyze it quickly, although one also said Microsoft "appears to have come a long way with this, but not as far as I think they should."

Reaching agreement with Microsoft, however, is only half of the plaintiffs' task. They must also agree among themselves.

The Justice Department and 19 state attorneys general — including Wisconsin's — are partners in the suit, and among

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## Ex-Norquist aide seeks \$700,000 in disability pay

Tries says he deserves money for 1983 injury while he was police officer

By GREG J. BOROWSKI  
of the Journal Sentinel staff

John Tries, a well-connected lobbyist and former top aide to Mayor John O. Norquist, has filed a \$700,000 claim against the city seeking a decade of disability payments he says he is owed

based on an injury suffered while a police officer.

The city argues those payments are not due, because Tries knew his disability status ended in 1988 when he took a job as a city department head, and never challenged a 1989 city attorney's opinion that affirmed the switch to active status.

Indeed, Tries said in 1990 that he was taking steps that would

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## Parishioner sticks up for Kunz, says behavior was innocent

By MEG JONES  
of the Journal Sentinel staff

First, Mora Smith's beloved priest was brutally slain.

Then she was questioned repeatedly by detectives and considered a suspect in the priest's murder.

And now she says Father Alfred Kunz's reputation is being dragged through the mud by authorities who are still searching for the killer.

Weeks after the Dane County sheriff

made the stunning revelation that Kunz had "intimate relationships" with women, Smith, one of the women who was close to Kunz, said she had to speak out about the priest she knew and loved.

"He can't defend himself," said Smith, whose youngest son was baptized by Kunz. "The detectives say, 'Oh, he was a ladies' man.' Well, what does that mean? He opened doors for women. He took women to restaurants. He put his arm out

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Mora Smith says she had to speak out about what she considers a misportrayal of Father Alfred Kunz, who was found slain in March 1990.



# Packers/Assembly backs Lambeau renovation plan by wide margin

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said after Friday's vote. "This is a huge victory for us, strong bipartisan support and real momentum, going into the Senate. We couldn't be more happy."

Celebrating with Jones was Rep. John Gard (R-Peshtigo), who led the charge for the Packers in the Legislature from the beginning.

"That was a tremendous win," Gard said. "Even I was surprised by the vote total. When you win by more than 3-to-1, I think you go to be feeling pretty good about that."

Added Gard, "Hopefully, it sends the right signals to the state Senate, and the right signals to the people of Brown County, that it's almost time for them to get their vote."

The vote drew applause from Gov. Tommy G. Thompson, who huddled with Packers President Bob Harlan in January before the team unveiled its project and sought public funding for it.

"The Assembly did the right thing by giving the people of Brown County the opportunity to decide whether they want to support the Lambeau Field renovation," Thompson said in a statement. "I now urge the Senate to move quickly and pass the Assembly plan."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala (D-Madison), the main architect of the Senate's alternative plan, could not be reached for comment after the vote.

However, Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum, who endorsed Chvala's plan early in the week, said Friday that she favored the bill that the Assembly passed with a number of changes sought by her and other local officials in Green Bay.

"This is a very good start," Nusbaum said. "I'm content to let the process take its course. It allows the community to have a dialogue and have its say."

In another show of local support, all Green Bay area lawmakers — five Republicans and two Democrats — voted for the bill.

Other lawmakers who supported the measure paid homage to the Packers and storied Lambeau Field before casting their votes.

Rep. Mark Meyer (D-La Crosse) donned a Packers jacket and reminisced about going to games with his dad.

"None of that matters today — whether we're Packer fans or not," Meyer said. "Because what we're going to do today is pass a bill that will allow people in Brown County, if they choose, to implement a tax to do some improvements at Lambeau Field."

"Lambeau Field to me is truly a jewel, an important part of Wisconsin's culture and history," Meyer said.

But opponents saw the legislation differently.

"I hate to rain on the parade," Rep. Pedro Colon (D-Milwaukee) said. "This is pork. However you want to look at it, it's just pork."

Instead of helping the Packers, Rep. Dave Cullen (D-Milwaukee) said, lawmakers should help seniors on fixed incomes pay for the high cost of prescription drugs.

"The Packers are a fine Wisconsin institution," Cullen said. "Where it became government's responsibility to make sure that they make the playoffs, I don't know where we made that leap."

The bill approved Friday evening calls for the countywide sales tax to be used to pay \$160 million in bonds. Besides the bonding, the Packers sought \$9.1 million in state transportation money. The bill doesn't provide the money, but authority for such aid in the future.

Among amendments approved was one setting a goal for minority and female contracting. Rep. Antonio Riley (D-Milwaukee) won approval of the amendment that sets a goal of

## How Assembly members voted

Here is how the state Assembly voted Friday on a bill to help the Green Bay Packers pay for the renovation of Lambeau Field. The bill passed by a 73-22 vote.

**Republicans voting yes:** Albers, Loganville; Brandemuehl, Fennimore; Duff, New Berlin; Foti, Oconomowoc; Freese, Dodgeville; Gard, Peshtigo; Goetsch, Juneau; Grothman, West Bend; Gunderson, Watford; Hahn, Cambria; Handrick, Minocqua; Hoven, Port Washington; Huebsch, Onalaska; Hunderdmark, Clintonville; Hutchison, Luxemburg; Jensen, Town of Brookfield; Jeskewitz, Menomonee Falls; Kaufert, Neenah; Kedzie, Elkhorn; Kelso, Green Bay; Kestell, Elkhart Lake; Klusman, Oshkosh; Kreibich, Eau Claire; Ladwig, Racine; Lasee, Bellevue; Lehman, M., Hartford; Leibham, Sheboygan; Montgomery, Green Bay; Musser, Black River Falls; Olsen, Berlin; Ott, Forest Junction; Owens, Oshkosh; Porter, Burlington; Rhoades, Hudson; Spillner, Montello; Stone, Greenfield; Sykora, Chippewa Falls; Townsend, Fond du Lac; Underheim, Oshkosh; Urban, Brookfield; Vrakas, Hartland; Walker, Wauwatosa; Ward, Fort Atkinson; and Wiecek, Appleton.

**Republicans voting no:** Gundrum, New Berlin; Johnsrud, Eastman; Nass, Whitewater; Petrowski, Marathon; Pettis, Hertel; Powers, Albany; and Suder, Abotsford.

**Democrats voting yes:** Ballow, Eau Claire; Berceau, Madison; Bock, Milwaukee; Coggins, Milwaukee; Gronemus, Whitehall; Hasenohr, Pittsville; Hebl, Sun Prairie; Huber, Wausau; Kreuser, Kenosha; Krug, Milwaukee; Krusick, Milwaukee; La Fave, Milwaukee; Lassa, Plover; J. Lehman, Racine; Meyer, La Crosse; Meyerhofer, Kaukauna; Plale, South Milwaukee; Riley, Milwaukee; Ryba, Green Bay; Schneider, Wisconsin Rapids; Schooff, Beloit; Sinicki, Milwaukee; Staskunas, West Allis; Steinbrink, Kenosha; Travis, Madison; Turner, Racine; Wasserman, Milwaukee; Waukau, Antigo; and Wood, Janesville.

**Democrats voting no:** Black, Madison; Boyle, Superior; Carpenter, Milwaukee; Colon, Milwaukee; Cullen, Milwaukee; Hubler, Rice Lake; Miller, Monona; Morris-Tatum, Milwaukee; Plouff, Menomonie; Pocan, Madison; Richards, Milwaukee; Sherman, Port Wing; Williams, Milwaukee; Young, Milwaukee; and Ziegelbauer, Manitowish.

**Republicans not voting:** Ainsworth, Shawano; Seratti, Florence; and Skindrud, Mount Horeb.

**Democrats not voting:** Reynolds, Ladysmith.

ensuring that at least 15% of the stadium project workers will be minority group members and at least 5% will be women.

The bill also was amended to include a tentative agreement the team reached Wednesday with representatives of Green Bay and Brown County, as well as major changes an Assembly

committee made Tuesday in the Packers' original bill.

The deal with local officials would allow for two questions on a binding referendum in the primary election next September.

Brown County voters first would be asked whether they approve of a 0.5% sales tax to help finance the stadium project. Then they could decide whether the county could use any excess revenue from the tax to reduce property taxes or for other purposes.

A 0.5% sales tax, starting in 2001 would raise approximately \$16.4 million for the project and grow by 6% a year. At that rate, the bonds could be paid off and the sales tax could end in 2016 at a total cost of \$390 million.

If Brown County voters agree only to the 0.5% sales tax to help fund the stadium project, the bonds could be paid off and the sales tax could be lifted in 2015 at a total cost of \$385 million.

However, if voters approve the second question as well, the sales tax would continue over the 30-year bond period, raising an estimated \$132 billion. During that period, the district would receive \$575 million, while the county would receive \$725 million.

Also, the Packers agreed in their talks with local officials to share any money from the sale of naming rights with the city and county.

The Assembly bill differs significantly from an alternative proposed by Chvala and Sen. Russ Decker (D-Weston) on Monday.

That plan would bar any use of sales tax dollars for maintenance costs, starting at \$4 million a year. Also, under their proposal, the \$160 million in bonds would be issued by the county, not a newly created stadium district.

Decker, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Lambeau Field, said Friday that no committee vote was scheduled on the bill, although that could happen Tuesday, if some agreement can be reached with the Packers.

But Thompson urged the Senate to pass the bill approved by the Assembly rather than take up the Chvala-Decker proposal.

"It is the only one that really meets the needs of the Packers. It is the only one that will satisfy all the responsibilities necessary at the local level," Thompson said of the Assembly-backed bill. "It is one local officials have agreed to, so I am very much in favor of it. ... It's up to the Senate Democrats to see if they are going to play politics or do what the people want."

# Kunz/Woman speaks in defense of priest

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to support women.

"It was all innocent, his behavior. He was a gentleman," she said.

Smith, 31, said she broke her two-year silence and contacted the Journal Sentinel this week because she was upset about detectives' portrayal of Kunz, saying it was unfair and untrue.

Sheriff Gary Hamblin said at a news conference March 2 that Kunz had several intimate relationships with women in his parish for many years. He would not say whether the relationships were sexual or platonic but did say that some of the women were married and some of the relationships were still going at the time of his death.

His killer may have been upset by these relationships, Hamblin said.

Kunz, 67, was the parish priest at St. Michael Catholic Church in the small village of Dane for 31 years. He was found dead, his throat cut, on March 4, 1998, in the school next to the church.

Hamblin acknowledged this week that many people were upset and disturbed by the release of the latest information about Kunz. But, he said, detectives decided to reveal that information in hopes of finding the killer.

"In this particular case, these statements are done with a purpose and that's to hopefully gain additional information," Hamblin said in a phone interview. "It's not like he died of natural causes and we're trying to ruin his reputation. We do have a murder to solve and that's our goal."

## Panel supports new antibiotic for drug-resistant bacteria

Associated Press

Washington — A government advisory committee on Friday recommended approval of an important new type of antibiotic for battling drug-resistant bacteria.

The Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee recommended approval of Zovox for treatment of pneumonia, skin infections and vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium*, a germ infamous for causing deadly infections in the abdomen, urinary tract, post-surgical wounds and even heart valves.

The FDA is not bound by advisory committee recommendations, but usually follows them.

Zovox has been widely hailed for its effectiveness against germs that have grown resistant to other medicines, including vancomycin, now the drug of last resort for lingering infections.



Kunz

But Smith, who became a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in the summer of 1997, said Kunz was a warm, caring man who often took women out to lunch or dinner, "but he didn't hit on them."

She said she was interrogated by detectives who accused her of killing Kunz. She showed copies of search warrants that were served at her home in Waunakee in the summer of 1998, several months after Kunz was killed.

Authorities confiscated butcher knives, a baseball bat, tools, snapshots of Kunz and other objects from her home, she said. She also displayed a doctor's bill for \$186 which she said she had to pay when detectives asked her to give blood and hair samples. She said she was told that the Sheriff's Department would pick up the tab.

"They would say 'So, Mora, did he touch you? Did he grab you?' They were doing this with all of the women in the parish," Smith said.

During a long interview this week at a Milwaukee restaurant, Smith said she was nervous and worried about her safety be-

cause Kunz's killer is still on the loose.

"I have suffered more than my share. Then, when I saw this," she said angrily pointing to news articles of the sheriff's recent news conference, "I thought, they can kill me, I don't care. I have to come forward now."

Hamblin said he could not say whether Smith was a suspect in the slaying.

"We normally don't go around commenting on who we talked to and who we didn't talk to," the sheriff said. "We're not telling people they have to keep their lips sealed. If they want to call you and say they talked to you, that's their prerogative."

Smith, a single mother with two young sons, said she moved to Milwaukee recently because of what she called harassment by authorities investigating his murder.

Smith said she saw Kunz as a "father figure," adding that he would sometimes give her money to buy food and clothing for her children. She said she spoke to her about receiving death threats and told her "I have enemies in higher places."

Now, she wonders whether his killer will ever be arrested.

"They have nothing else," she said of detectives. "That's why they're saying these things about Father Kunz. They're not true."

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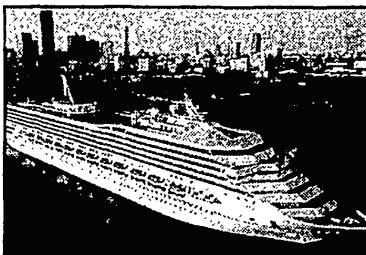
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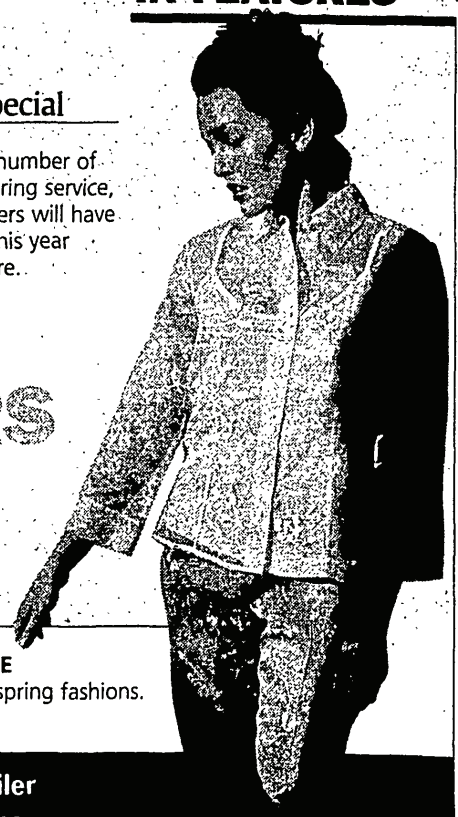
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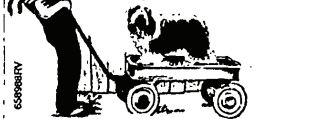
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